


REMARKS

In view of the above amendments, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

It is noted that the rejection is made final, however, no amendment of the claims was previously made and no prior art rejection was ever included before. Therefore, the finality of the rejection is obviously premature.

Respectfully submitted,

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